



Wisconsin Trapshooting Association
Annual Meeting
July 15, 2011
Waukesha Gun Club, Waukesha, Wisconsin



The annual meeting was held on Friday, July 15, 2011 and 119 shooters presented their current ATA Membership cards and signed in for this meeting, making them eligible to vote.

President Bruce Stiteley called the 112th annual meeting of the Wisconsin Trapshooting Association to order at 8:08am. This was followed by the Pledge Of Allegiance to our flag. Roll call of the directors and delegates was taken by the Treasurer. Present were: Pres. Bruce Stiteley, 1st V.P. Dennis Taylor, 2nd V.P. Bill Simonar, Brad Patterson, Gary Fechter, Glenn Hamerly, Gary Strasser, Virgil Bomkamp, ATA Delegate Rick Tesker, 1st Alt. Delegate Jay Adams, 2nd Alt. Delegate Kevin Doerring, and Sec/Treas. Jay & Sarah Adams.

The president thanked everyone for attending the meeting and went on to thank everyone involved in making the shoot possible. He thanked the Waukesha Gun Club for their work in having the grounds in excellent condition for the shoot. He also thanked Brad Patterson for all of his hard work in organizing the shoot. Bruce also reminded everyone that Hall of Fame nomination papers for next year need to be submitted by October 15th in order to be considered. Nomination forms are available on the website and you can see John Atkelski or Jay Nigbor with questions regarding the Hall of Fame nominations.

Per the Wisconsin statutes and bylaws, the WTA general membership must vote to accept or disallow the Directors previously voted into office at the individual zone shoots. The following were unanimously accepted: NW Zone: Glenn Hamerly, NE Zone: Gary Strasser, SW Zone: Ken Cerney, and the SE Zone had no nominations. Gary Fechter will pursue a member of the SE zone to take Brad's place. Members are to contact Gary if interested in the position.

Bruce also announced that the WTA is sad to see Arlene Otto, Brad Patterson, and Virgil Bomkamp go. They were thanked for their excellent service individually. Brad will continue work with website and coordinating the state shoot with WGC.

2010 Minutes: Don Mittag made the motion to accept the minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting provided in the handbook. Jay Nigbor seconds the motion, all were in favor.

Treasurers report: Ken Cerney made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed in the handbook. Mary Blieler seconds the motion, all in favor. The treasurer informed the group that the General Ledger and other financial reports were available for review at the table.

ATA Delegates Report: Special category rule was attempted to be changed and the central zone was the only zone in favor. At the Grand this year, you *must* shoot new shells for

Handicap events. Rick also announced that Dick Otto reached 100,000 singles targets this year and that Bill Simonar and David Lade reached 25,000 doubles. Don Mittag asked about the progress of the shade shelter at the Grand. Fritz Thistle reported that the shade shelter for the WTA is up with a banner at this time and it is near the tent vendors. A question was asked about camping prices at the grand and who sets them as they have gone up quite a bit. Rick will check into who sets the prices.

ATA Delegate, Nomination & Election: Gary Fechter moves for Rick Tesker to remain delegate. Ken Cerney seconded the motion. Bruce asks 3rd call for other nominations. Member makes motion to close nominations. Another member seconded, and nominations closed. All were in favor. Congratulations Rick.

All State Teams: Bruce mentioned the teams which will be honored at the Awards Banquet.

2010 All State Team: Men's Team: Captain Chad Blanke, Gerald Demulling, Jonathon Denman, Richard Tesker, Glen Grabski, Dwight Fitzsimmons, Mike May, Don Mittag, Ryan Jossart, Dan King. Lady's Team: Captain Janet Reding, Nicold Ogden, Mary Bleiler. Junior Team: Captain Tyler Verstein, Cody Sandstrom, Reed Slaby, Alex Heinz, Dustin Kellner. Sub Jr Team: Captain Jordan Hintz, Logan Diehl, Brian Howland. Veteran Team: Captain James Grunewald, Gary Reynolds, Dwight Paulin, Fritz Thistle, Gary Jahn. Sr Veteran Team: Captain Don Moe, Bruce Wiegmann, Robert Weyker, Ronald Dondlinger, Dick Otto, Jack Morris.

WI All Americans: Gerald Demulling- Men's First Team, Cheryl Demulling- Women's Second Team, Cathy Wehinger- Women's Second Team, Tyler Verstein- Junior's First Team.

High Average Awards: Mike May 99.40 in singles. Gerald Demulling 93.81 in handicap. Chad Blanke 96.60 in doubles.

Old Business: A lot has happened since our last Annual Meeting. Bruce thanks Ron Bell for the decision he made in 1991 to spend \$128,000 on property. This was a very good investment. The farmer that had been renting the land for farming was very interested in purchasing the land. The market was good to sell, so the decision was made to sell the land for \$834,000. 501C-3 saved us \$163,000 in capital gains. The land also had paid itself off with the rent we received for farming. Shortly after we sold, commodity prices fell, so it was sold at the perfect time. Shortly thereafter, the WTA began negotiations with different areas. Zoning changes were passed in the town of Rome. Cathy Stepp in Madison has helped the WTA and is doing a very good job. The advisory vote earlier this year was resulted to over 65% in the direction of Rome. 278 acres were purchased in the Town of Rome with the option to buy more.

Nominations and Elections of A.T.A. Alternate Delegates (Must meet requirements as set forth in the 2011 A.T.A. Rule book, Page 5)

1st alternate delegate Rick Tesker nominated Kevin Doerring, Janet Reding seconds. 3rd call for nominations was made by Bruce. Don Mittag moved to close on 1st alternate. Jack Morris seconds this. All were in favor.

2nd alternate delegate: Don Mittag was nominated but was withdrawn as he states he will be pursuing SE Zone Director. Dwight Paulin was nominated by Don Mittag. This was seconded by Rick Tesker. 3rd call for nominations was made by Bruce. Gary Fechter made a motion to close, 2nd by Don Chrapala. All were in favor.

New Business: 2012 Zone Shoot locations: NW WI Rapids, NE Langlade/Antigo, SW Sauk Prairie, SE Waukesha. The weekend rotation is on the website, the board will check into making sure it is correct.

Bruce questions what the membership's thought is on having word-for-word the same programs for every zone shoot, this would not include added money. Don Mittag thinks this would be a good idea. This would be just for championship events to make the shoots equal.

5-man team shoot: Bruce asked the question on if the WTA should let the 5-Man Team Shoot live or die? We are under contract with WGC for next year if they choose to host it. Waukesha is required to place \$2000 added money on one event in order to make it an exclusive weekend. Steve Keeley suggests that it may be better to drop the event. Jay Nigbor believes we should hold it under contract if WGC next year if they choose to host it, then open the weekend up for registered shoots, and hold a team shoot at the new facility as a "dry run" prior to the first state shoot at the new homegrounds. A decision was not yet made on this topic.

Next year's state shoot will be July 17th-22nd, 2012 at Waukesha Gun Club.

WTA Learning and Shooting Center complex report: Bruce explained some statistics on the new property and where it is located. Pictures and a layout were posted in the windows of the clubhouse at WGC this week for members to view. Another large development is coming into the area at this time as well- a golf course.

~ Where are we at right now? Reference was made to progress update in booklet. Bruce says 2013 will be the first state shoot at the new homegrounds. It is not possible to build and coordinate for the shoot in 2012. In 3 week time period we can have it withdrawn from MFL, usually takes 3 months. No dirt work has begun yet.

~ Scott Gunderson, Cathy Stepp's assistant, is trying to make it mandatory for shooting class in high schools and all schools to have a trapshooting club. He is behind out project 100%

~ Conservation congress may be trying to stop lead shot on clubs/DNR lands. This was defeated at meetings. State/DNR lands, gun clubs will be exempt.

~ A new program has been developed for reclaiming lead shot. We may be able to reclaim 99% if this happens.

~ Once engineering plans are finished, town of Rome will need to accept the site plan, and then the WTA can move forward with the project.

~ A question was raised about township taxes- township receives 80%, county 20% of the money's of the MFL withdrawl. The WTA will talk with the township to discuss if any avenues are available to benefit WTA for compensation received for MFL buyout.

~ A question was raised about the relationship with WI Rapids club. Bruce states that it is actually very good. WTA has discussed the project with WI Rapids and all are in agreement.

~ A question was asked if the homegrounds should be in Zone Rotations. Bruce does not believe so. The homegrounds is not going to do anything to hurt smaller clubs, which are needed to make this project even possible.

~ A question was raised if the WTA will be able to at least break even with costs of homegrounds/events. Bruce explains that trapshooting alone will not be enough and that camping/atvs/golf courses/naturalists/rv rallys, etc will make or break this project.

~ Another question was raised about having a manager for the facility that lives locally- Bruce states that yes, this will happen. This manager will be someone who can manage the generation of revenue.

~ A question was raised about camping and shooting conflict. Dennis Taylor assured that the State Shoot would take precedence over renting out campsites. No sites will be rented to general public during the State Shoot week.

~ Bruce asked that anyone willing to donate a trade or would like to bid on the work of the homegrounds contact the BOD.

~ Fritz Thistle urges membership to jump on board with this venture so the board is not anyone's enemy. Don Mittag thanked Bruce and Denny as well as the entire board for time spent on this project.

Rick Tesker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Schuh seconded the motion to adjourn. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15am.

Results of elections from Board Meeting following Annual Meeting:

President:	Bruce Stiteley
1 st Vice President:	Dennis Taylor
2 nd Vice President:	Bill Simonar